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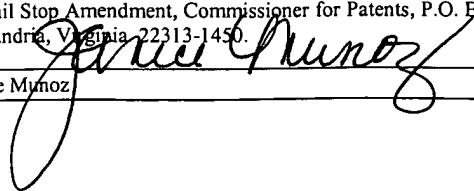
In re Applicants:	Robert A. Parrott	§	Art Unit:	3672
Serial No.:	10/708,766	§		
Filed:	March 24, 2004	§	Examiner:	Matthew J. Smith
Title:	System For Connecting Downhole Tools	§	Docket No.	22.1543 (SHL.0281US)

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 16, 2005

Dear Sir:

Please cancel claims 2 and 27-30 without prejudice and amend the claims in accordance with the following CLAIM AMENDMENTS section; amend the drawings in accordance with the following DRAWING AMENDMENT section; and consider the comments in the following REMARKS section.

Date of Deposit: February 16, 2006
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